

Oath/Declaration

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, the Examiner states that the originally-filed oath or declaration is "defective". After conferring with the Examiner, Applicant has contacted the inventor to provide a substitute signed declaration. Applicant herein submits the substitute declaration to be made of record in the present Application to indicate a priority PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/04537. If there are any questions concerning the submitted Declaration, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Priority Documents

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, the Examiner states that Applicant "has not filed certified copies" of three European patent applications (98112499.3, 98112500.8, and 98112501.6), in which foreign priority is claimed. After conferring with the Examiner, Applicant has contacted the European foreign associate to obtain certified copies of the priority documents. Applicant herein submits the certified copies to be made of record in the present Application. If there are any questions concerning the submitted copies, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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